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WIND, WATER AND FUTURE

8 May 2014

Chairman Cliff Larsen

Energy and Telecommunications Committee (Interim) , 63rd Montana Legislature

PO Box 201706

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Dear Senator Larsen and fellow legislators:

On behalf of Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc., (CCE) a MT non-profit community organization, the attached petition addresses our concerns about climate change and what solutions we can achieve. We welcome you to Great Falls and especially to the MSU-GF, a leader in wind energy Training and development, and also home to our tremendous hydro-electric assets which have been paid for several times over and vital to Montana's energy portfolio.

CCE suggests our legislature can help with better energy-efficiency throughout state government and communities. CCE also encourages legislature to uphold and support expansion of our proven Renewable Portfolio Standards. Incidentally, even former Rep. Denny Rehberg went on the record supporting a national RPS.

Every dollar spent on energy efficiency save three dollars for new generation, which should be a first-step as we work to resolve transmission challenges, such as the BPA/Montana to Washington dilemma, which if solved, can help promote expansion of Montana wind farms firmed by the abundance of natural gas in our state.

Citizens for Clean Energy has worked with the City of Great Falls in the last six years on Earth Day activities, recycling and also on STEM activities at our local schools. CCE has also assisted local science fairs in Great Falls, providing certificates and cash awards and helping provide Scholarships with the Dr. Baker Foundation.

CCE also expects DEQ to insure our air and water quality, especially in regards to fracking, oil transport and monitoring of the Great Fall Calumet refinery expansion, and we ask that the legislature exercise effective oversight and resourcing of our state enforcement efforts.

Sincerely,

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Energy and Telecommunication Meeting

May 8, 2014

Exhibit 9

ps – the US Army and Department of Defense are keen and vigorous advocates of renewable energy, especially in energy storage development and biofuels, and those issues also vital to MT agriculture. As a farmer/rancher myself, wind energy is a proven revenue stream for landowners, school districts and our state. Biofuels is another made in USA Ag opportunity as well.

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